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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Theodore M. Taylor

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RELEASABLE SUBPAD SECURING
ELEMENT AND POLISHING
APPARATUS INCLUDING THE SUBPAD
SUPPORT (Amended)

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the final rejections presented in the Office Action mailed on September 9, 2005, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on December 9, 2005, as well as in response to the remarks that accompanied the Advisory Action of December 2, 2005.

A listing of the claims, in which amendments to the claims are presented, begins on page 2 of this paper; and

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